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Mike and Sandra Sprunger Sprunger's Minerals P.O. Box 38054 Leamington, Utah 84638

Re: <u>Acceptance of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations</u>, Cubical 1-8, S/023/017, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sprunger:

Thank you for your amended Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, received by the Division on July 27, 1998. We apologize for the delay in responding to this amendment. The application for the proposed Cubical #2 project, located in Section 30, T11S, R11W, SLBM, is complete and no additional information is required at this time. This was formerly permitted under file number S/023/020.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1 and SMO-2). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices" (SMO-1). Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

This amendment states that you have approximately 3 ½ acres existing disturbance; it does not indicate how much disturbance this amendment for expansion will disturb. As the Division has now combined this project with the Serendipity project, please be careful that you don't exceed five total acres for both of these projects. Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.

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Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

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Senior Reclamation Specialist

jb Enclosure cc: Rex Rowley, BLM, UTU-070641 S023017